

GOD DOES GREAT THINGS

Preschool
Week 3

PARENT BIBLE STUDY

Read: Joshua 6

After the miracle at the Jordan River, Joshua and the Israelites continued their journey to the Promised Land. But they met more opposition on their way. This story is another incredible example of God's provision for and faithfulness to the Israelites. His great power was on their side.

Joshua and God's people were up against one of the most powerful, protected cities of their time: Jericho. The Lord met Joshua at the gates of Jericho, right on the battlefield and exactly where Joshua needed him most. But the battle instructions God gave Joshua are anything but normal. In fact, they were much more like parade instructions than orders for battle. God told Joshua to take his army and march around the entire city once a day for six days in a row while the priests blew their horns. On the seventh day, the Lord commanded Joshua and his army to march around the city seven times and on the seventh time the priests were to blow their horns while the whole army shouted. God promised that at that exact moment, the wall of Jericho would tumble down allowing the Israelites to conquer the city. And you know what happened? Exactly what God said. It was a strange way to win a "battle", but no one could doubt that it was God who had brought this victory to the Israelites.

Joshua probably would've preferred (or at least expected) combat instructions rather than marching orders, but he never questioned God's words. He simply trusted that God's plan would most definitely be best. Joshua had already seen God go before him into opposition, and he remembered God's faithfulness, trusting he would do the same here at Jericho. Joshua's story teaches us to trust God when logic and reason tell us not to. And his story teaches us that we can press into battle with courage, not questions; faith, not fear.

Do you look at opposition as an opportunity to learn more about God, or do you question him and have a hard time believing that he is good, loves you, and wants what is best for you?

The Bible teaches us that God goes before us into our battles. How can Joshua's story, along with this truth help you face what is hard in your life with courage and faith?